The National Diabetes Control Programme has now been merged with the Indian Council of Medical Research which has constituted as Expert Group to formulate a revised comprehensive Plan of action to control diabetes. Central Health Education Bureau (CHEB) has also strategies/programme including use of powerful electronic media to spread health messages to increase Public Health awareness about diabetes.

**Fake Drugs**

1405. SHRI MANMOHAN SAMAL: Will the MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 2316 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 13th August, 2001 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that people are investing crores of rupees in making fake drugs in the country;

(b) if so, the action taken by Government for identification of original drugs sold in the market to the general public;

(c) the number of persons arrested, so far, in Orissa and other parts of the country found dealing in fake drugs;

(d) from where they procured machines for this purpose; and

(e) whether this is an organized attempt by some sections of the people?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR) : (a) No such information is available. However, there is a problem of manufacture and sale of spurious drugs.

(b) Under the provisions of Drugs & Cosmetics Act, 1940, and rules thereunder, the enforcement of quality control of durgs and pharmaceuticals is regulated by State Licensing Authorities through a system of licensing. The Drugs Control Officers randomly draw samples from manufacturers, traders etc. and get their quality validated through their Govt. testing laboratories,

Since speeedy testing of drugs play an important role in unearthing/detecting drugs of questionable quality, Govt. of India has advised the States to establish their own State level drug testing facilities. Assistance is also being provided to States in this area.

(c) As per the feedback available from State Licensing Authorities, a statement indicating number of persons apprehended for manufacture and trading of spurious durgs is enclosed (*See* below). However, no arrest has been made under such offences in the State of Orissa.

(d) and (e) The manufacture and sale of spurious fake medicines is a clandestine and illegal activity indulged in by the unscrupulous and anti-social persons. The Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 and Rules thereunder regulates the quality of the medicines manufactured and as such do not have any provisions for the control and procurement of machines etc. employed for such manufacture.

**Statement**

*Number of persons apprehended for manufacturing and trading of spurious drugs*

| | | 2000-2001 | 2001-till date |
|---|---|---|---|
| 01 | Assam | Nil | Nil |
| 02 | Bihar | Nil | 2 |
| 03 | Goa | Nil | Nil |
| 04 | Gujarat | Nil | 1 |
| 05 | Haryana | Nil | Nil |
| 06 | Himachal Pradesh | Nil | Nil |
| 07 | Jammu & Kashmir | Nil | Nil |
| 08 | Karnataka | Nil | Nil |
| 09 | Kerala | Nil | Nil |
| 10 | Madhya Pradesh | Nil | Nil |
| 11 | Maharashtra | Nil | 2 |
| 12 | Manipur | Nil | Nil |
| 13 | Meghalaya | Nil | Nil |
| 14 | Mizoram | Nil | Nil |
| 15 | Nagaland | Nil | Nil |
| 16 | Orissa | Nil | Nil |
| 17 | Punjab | Nil | Nil |
| 18 | Rajasthan | 1 | 5 |
| 19 | Sikkim | Nil | Nil |
| 20 | Tamil Nadu | Nil | Nil |
| 21 | Tripura | Nil | Nil |

| | | 2000-2001 | 2001-till date |
|---|---|---|---|
| 22 | Uttar Pradesh | 2 | Nil |
| 23 | West Bengal | Nil | Nil |
| 24 | Pondicherry | Nil | Nil |
| 25 | A & N Islands | Nil | Nil |
| 26 | Chandigarh | Nil | Nil |
| 27 | Delhi | 1 | 6 |
| 28 | D & N Haveli | Nil | Nil |
| 29 | Daman & Diu | Nil | Nil |
| 30 | Lakshadweep | Nil | Nil |
| 31 | Andhra Pradesh | Nil | 48 |
| 32 | Arunachal Pradesh | Nil | Nil |

**Objectives for establishing AIIMS**

1406. SHRI KHAGEN DAS: Will the MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the objectives for setting up the All India Institute of Medical Sciences;

(b) how far these objectives are fulfilled;

(c) whether Government are aware of the enormous problems that the Institute has been facing for long; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government to imporve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR) : (a) and (b) All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi was established as an Autonomous/ Statutory Body by an Act of Parliament in 1956. It has been empowered with the responsibility of setting up the standards in the field of medical education, research and patient care in India and to train personnel of all important branches of health activities. The institute conducts under graduate degree courses and various Post graduate, post-doctoral and superspecialities courses. More or less the objectives have been achieved in ensuring an overall excellence in the field of teaching, research and patient care.